



Littlefield Letters



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MAY MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday
10 May 1990
time: 6:15 p.m.
Mess Call
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center

The 125th Anniversary of the Battle of Palmito Ranch takes place this month. Glenn Hadeler of the 8th Tex. Cav. Reenacted will speak on this important battle of the War of Northern Aggression.

We hope you will come to discuss Camp business, including the summer conventions, hear a good Confederate program, celebrate this important anniversary, and share in the food and fellowship of a Southern evening. Take your family out to eat and invite a friend (prospective member). Y'all come!



ENLISTMENTS

Raise your kepis and give three "huzzas" for our newest members.

ALPHEUS H. HALL, JR. joins the SCV upon the record of his Great Grandfather Thomas Hunt Hall who was a Private in Co. B, 14th Tex. Cav. and who served until 24 July 1863 when he was discharged due to a disability. Al was born in Ft. Worth on Jan. 21. He is a writer/editor and resides at 12304-A Furrow Cove, Austin 78753-7022, #836-7646.

Three brothers, STEVEN W. WILLHOITE, KEVIN B. WILLHOITE, and ROBIN G. WILLHOITE join on behalf of their Great, Great, Great Grandfather Alexander Samuel Salley who was a Surgeon (Major) in the 20th South Carolina Inf. and who served until granted a leave of absence on 18 May 1864.

Steven is self-employed and was born in Aystin on July 23. His address is 4601 Chiappero Trail, Austin 78731-5914, #450-6245.

Kevin was born on Feb. 13 in Austin and is self-employed. Robin is a Consulting Forester. He was born in Austin on Jan. 17. Kevin and Robin can be reached at the same address and phone as Steven.

Al and Steven were present at the April meeting and were installed by the Commander.

Convention News

125th ANNIVERSARY REENACTMENT

TEXAS DIVISION CONVENTION

JUNE 15 & 16, 1990

The Convention Call for the Texas Division Convention has been received. The Convention this year will be held at the MIDLAND HILTON on June 15 & 16. Reservations may be made directly with the hotel at \$48.50/night (P.O. Box 2828, Midland 79702, 915-683-6131). This rate is guaranteed until May 30.

The Convention will begin Friday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. with a reception followed by a BBQ on the Haley Library grounds (reservations required). Opening ceremonies will be at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. We have been asked by the Div. Color Sgt. to furnish troops for a Color Guard. The Luncheon (\$9) speaker will be Dr. M.E. Bradford, Univ. of Dallas. The Banquet (\$18) speaker will be Byron Price, Nat'l. Cowboy Hall of Fame, Okla. City. There are separate ladies activities. We need eight or more to attend on behalf of your Camp. This is a delegate convention.

Clip and mail the registration form in this newsletter by May 30. Extra copies of the Convention Call will be available at the May meeting.

PLEASANT HILL CAMPAIGN

You may rest assured that your Confederate soldiers again journeyed to Pleasant Hill, La., as they did 126 years ago to again turn back Bank's Red River Campaign. The Littlefield Battery was an integral part of the Artillery. In our unit were Cpl. John Hagler, David Morris, Marlow Taylor, Todd Hector, Bill Campbell, and Steven Vanderhoof. Sgt. Greg Hector served as a combination Battery Sgt., Color Sgt., and Bugler. Cavalrymen Kerry Hellums, Wyndy Faulk, and Dan Kuykendall provided the eyes and ears of the army. Joining the "beetle squashers" was Darrell Windham. As you can see, Camp #59 was well represented. All in all, it was a good campaign; and this time we did not get rained on.

BATTLE OF PALMITO RANCH

On May 11-13, Co. F of Terry's Texas Rangers and the Bee Caves Historical Association will host the Reenactment of the Battle of Palmito Ranch at Bee Caves Road and Highway 71 west of Austin. There will be an encampment, parade on Saturday at 10, and battle on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. As this is the closest a major reenactment has been held, participation from our Camp should be at an all-time high--both uniformed and civilian. This is the LAST of the 125th Anniversary Reenactments. You are not likely to see these reenactments on as large a scale again until the 150th Anniversary of the WBTS. Don't miss the chance to see this event or to take part in it if you are able.

This last land battle of the War took place when Colonel John Salmon "Rip" Ford's Confederate Cavalry of the West clashed with Union Colonel Theodore H. Barrett's combined infantry and cavalry. As these grey-clad men rode to glory they also rode into the pages of history for a Cause already surrendered by Lee a month before far away in Virginia. But their acts forever stand as yet another page in the history of the South and of the great State of Texas.

OUR SENTIMENTS EXACTLY!





THE LITTLEFIELD GUN IN ACTION.

THE HILLSBORO CAMPAIGN

The Littlefield Battery journeyed to Hillsboro the weekend of March 31 and encamped with Comp. Joe Walker's Infantry in the field by the Confed. Research Center on the campus of Hill College. On Saturday morning, Joe Walker and Greg Hector became the "Secessionaires" and regaled the audience with selections from the War accompanied on their banjos. In the afternoon, our gun joined with two others in an oversized section for an artillery demonstration for the history buffs assembled. Taking part in this campaign were Cdr. David Morris, Sgt. Greg Hector, Cpl. John Hagler, Bill Campbell, Marlow Taylor, Todd Hector, Steven Vanderhoof, Matthew Campbell, and, making a special appearance from the Cavalry, Kerry Hel-lums.

"Lest We Forget"



LEST WE FORGET

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

The UDC in conjunction with Camp #59 observed Confederate Memorial Day at Oakwood Cemetery on Sunday, 29 April 1990. A UDC marker was dedicated on the gravesite of Mrs. Benedette Tobin, chartering President of the A.S. Johnston Chapter #105, UDC, Austin. The Battery served as Color Guard. Attending from the Camp were Lt. David Morris, Sgt. Greg Hector, Cpl. John Hagler, Pvt. Todd Hector, Cdr. Marlow Taylor, Comp. Sam Cook, and Comp. Bill Kaiser. Cdr. Taylor memorialized Confederate Veterans, and Greg Hector presented special music.

RULING FAVORS FLAG

(Courtesy Rebel Yell, Okla. City)

A federal appeals court conceded that the Confederate Battle Flag that flies atop the Alabama Capitol is offensive to many people, but declined to get involved in the dispute.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a ruling made public on Thursday, Jan. 18, 1990, said the flying of the Rebel banner on public buildings does not violate the Constitution, as alleged by the NAACP and 14 black lawmakers.

The Atlanta-based appeals court upheld a district court decision in favor of the state rejecting claims that the flag display violates the 1st, 13th, and 14th Amendments.





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CONVENTION CALL
MIDLAND, TEXAS
June 15 and 16, 1990



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Phone # 915/683-1009

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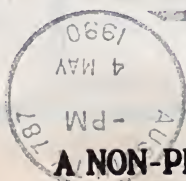
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